

Re: Truck Update

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Date: Wed, 02 Feb 2022 22:38:00 +0000

Just checked with Brad. As follow just now

Hearing rumours of a lane open but we are waiting on confirmation from RCMP as to whether the highway is open and if they anticipate further block.

Will let you know..

Denis R. Vinette

On Feb 2, 2022, at 5:30 PM, Ossowski, John <John.Ossowski@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> wrote:

Is the mood optimistic?

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2022, at 4:22 PM, Vinette, Denis R. <Denis.Vinette@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> wrote:

Reading it in media.

Denis

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Brenda just reported they have opened up 1 lane

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On Feb 2, 2022, at 3:03 PM, Vinette, Denis R. <Denis.Vinette@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca> wrote:

Reported as factual by Lisa L-P so I'm comfortable in sharing the content.

Thanks

Denis

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Hi Denis,

Good to share below with Mino in its entirety?

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Sending via email due to real time nature of the event.

Hello,
Updates in red @ 1200CST - only activities @ POE Coutts
Please advise if you have any questions.
LLP

- Coutts

- o On February 2, 2022 as of 10:40hr MT the highway north of the port of Coutts remains blocked and the gates remain closed to traffic at the port.
- o All officers and managers have been able to report to work thus far today without incident or delay. The overnight shift who left the port at 08:00hrs report arriving safely at home without incident or delay northbound. Access into and out of the port is still being maintained using a secondary road through the town of Coutts with the access point controlled by the RCMP. Afternoon shift is due to arrive at 1230 MST. An update will be provided then via SRT on any changes.
- o There are no vehicles waiting on the US side @ Coutts to cross into Canada. There were 50 this morning (not 150 as reported earlier) however – appears they have re-routed
- o RCMP saying the feel of the crowd is that 80-90% of protesters out on the highway are “all in & entrenched” now. Starting to become more aggressive with a “nothing to lose” attitude.
- o RCMP will continue with enforcement – including towing vehicles to remove the blockades, but will also continue to educate the protesters on what the legal implications of their actions are. Expect to see more media on this piece. RCMP discussing resourcing into the weekend indicating a sustained presence in the area is expected.
- o RCMP checkpoints are being challenged by protesters – they are working to shore up their checkpoints to maintain position.
- o Personal Info. will be engaging with tow companies to try to resolve the issues that are preventing them from cooperating and providing service to the RCMP.
- o Reference being made on social media to 400 protesters on horseback coming down to Coutts for a BBQ.

Denis

From: Vinette, Denis R.

Sent: February 2, 2022 9:33 AM

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Hi Denis,

Latest Update:

CBP has advised a rough estimate of 150 vehicles waiting (combination of those in line and around the area).

CBP will take a drive and take a look to get a better sense.

CBP has been diverting to other POEs.

Lisa

Denis

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From: "Vinette, Denis R." <Denis.Vinette@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>

Date: 2022-02-02 7:26 a.m. (GMT-06:00)

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Thanks for this. Lots of attention on this today.

2 follow ups

7/24 hours

In terms of going 7/24 at either Del Bonita or Carway or both, could you provide some sense of support from CBP and what logistics that would entail from you in terms of staff.

I note the distance between Coutts and those 2, so any insight on staffing logistics and how safe travel in winter weather would be to get there.

- CBP has indicated they are willing to support 24/7 at Del Bonita.
- CBP has expressed they do not anticipate being in a position to support 24/7 at Carway.
- If the expectation is to run Carway and Del Bonita at 24/7 and to be staffed to run at full capacity at Coutts when the highway is opened, we will need additional resources brought over to southern Alberta from other parts of the Region. We would also have to work with LR on the scheduling side of this as the existing staff schedule does not accommodate a 24/7 operation.
- Most of the staff at Coutts and Del Bonita live in Lethbridge and commute each day, so no special impact from a safe travel perspective to go to 24/7. Most of Carway staff live in Cardston, Lethbridge or surrounding area so no impact.

Northbound Traffic

Are we able to reconfirm with CBP what the traffic backup on their side is in terms of length or count and how many trucks vs cars.

- We are working on obtaining this right now. The challenge is that the lineup is not necessarily indicative of how many conveyances are waiting to cross at Coutts as others are staged at truck stops, rest stops, etc. throughout the state.
- Having said the above, we have also been processing traffic that would normally go through Coutts through our adjacent POEs.
- In a week, Coutts is processing around 2500 commercial conveyances. Given Coutts has not been operational for four full days, we surmise that approximately 1250 commercial conveyances have been held up to the south of us. However, a portion of that has trickled in through other ports in Prairie and PAC Regions.

Thanks

Denis

From: Laurencelle-Peace, Lisa <Lisa.Laurencelle-Peace@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca>
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Bon Matin Denis,

Please find below requested information. LLP

- On February 2, 2022 as of 07:00hr MT the highway north of the port of Coutts remains blocked and the gates at the port remain closed to traffic.
- Blockade points have moved several times – each time the RCMP set up a check point, they protesters have repositioned. Due to new blockade locations (further up Hwy #4 and elsewhere) new routes to/from the port of Coutts have been identified for staff to travel safely and avoid chokepoints (see Detour Map)
- Continued pressure from RCMP for CBSA to make a decision on the option to use US Tow Companies to help clear the blockades due to the inability or unwillingness of Canadian tow companies to assist. **Per [Personal Info.]** has reached out to the RCMP and they will be meeting today. RCMP provided a briefing document to CBSA of their efforts to secure tow truck companies for enforcement action operation (**[Personal Info.]** contacted).
- RCMP position at this time is to minimize intrusions and maintain their position.
- The initial focus of the mission was to re-open the highway and border, and this has now shifted to gathering evidence to lay charges which may result in delays to the resolution of the overall issue.
- Extension of hours at Del Bonita and Carway to 22:00hrs MT came into effect last night.
- US CBP have indicated that they are open to opening up the Del Bonita port of entry to 24/7 hours. However, they advised that it will be more difficult to do the same at the Carway/Piegan port of entry due to resourcing issues. If we pursue 24/7 hours at multiple locations, an enhanced HR exercise will need to be conducted to ensure we have the resources to support. *Brad - will require discussion with VP.